

**WEEKLY REPORT**  
**Region 9**  
**Environmental Protection Agency**  
**March 20, 2017**

**PAST WEEK ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**EPA-FAA Intergovernmental Agreement for Palmyra Atoll Cleanup:** We and FAA signed an Intergovernmental Agreement (IA) to reimburse us for our regulatory oversight of FAA's assessment and remediation of contamination on Palmyra Atoll. The IA covers EPA's time, travel, and overhead for this project for the next four years and allows for cost reimbursement of up to \$290,000. (Wicher x2-3957)

**SF Bay Water Quality and Wetlands Restoration:** Three San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund projects were recently completed. The projects focused on restoring 960 acres of tidal marsh at Sears Point in San Pablo Bay, reestablishing two miles of habitat along the main stem of the Napa River, and supporting 16 Bay-wide water quality improvement and restoration projects including the removal of 291 pounds of mercury-laden calcines from the Guadalupe River. EPA contributed \$7.9 million. (Yelensky x2-3021)

**Providing Expertise for Flood Control Design in San Jose:** We participated on a Science Advisory Hub convened by the San Francisco Estuary Institute to provide expert advice, insight, and general guidance to the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) as it considers a flood control project for Upper Penitencia Creek in San Jose, CA. The Hub works collaboratively with the SCVWD to shape broadly-supported, landscape-scale conceptual flood control designs that foster ecologically resilient landscapes. (Leidy x2-3463)

**Leviathan Mine Site:** The Spring treatment of water in on-site holding ponds at Leviathan continues. The water levels in the on-site holding ponds have nearly reached their 13-million-gallon capacity. Despite the treatment of more than 1 million gallons of water, less than 4 inches of freeboard remain. Field crews are working around the clock to keep the temporary treatment system running. (Deschambault x7-4183)

**Edwards AFB:** [REDACTED] Deliberative Process (b) (5)

[REDACTED] (Dirscherl x2-3315)

**Manzanita Way Mercury Spill, Antioch, CA:** An outdoor elemental mercury spill was identified on Monday on a residential street in Antioch, CA, when mercury was observed by pedestrians. Contra Costa County Environmental Health Department responded to the scene and two EPA OSCs responded to assist. EPA and California Department of Toxic Substances Control contractors worked together through the night on Monday to remove as much visible mercury as possible. Plans to remove and encapsulate remaining mercury contamination on the road surface are currently being evaluated. (Rogow 415-595-8347)

**San Gabriel Valley Area 2:** An agreement was reached among five PRPs funding EPA's Baldwin Park groundwater remedy and seven water agencies implementing the remedy to extend the Baldwin Park project agreement for another ten years. The agreement is needed for continued operation of the remedy, which costs more than \$15 million per year to operate and supplies water to hundreds of thousands of San Gabriel Valley residents. (Praskins x2-3181)

**Parker Hannifin Enforcement Order:** This week, we entered into an administrative compliance order on consent with Parker Hannifin Corporation for Clean Water Act (CWA) violations at its manufacturing facility located in Oxnard, California. Parker Hannifin agreed to install a wastewater treatment system and comply with CWA pretreatment standards by November 2017. Parker Hannifin manufactures membranes for filtration systems and discharges its process wastewater to the City of Oxnard Wastewater Treatment Plant. (Greenberg x2-3577)

**C.R. England, Inc. CAFO (Truck and Bus):** A Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) with C.R. England, Inc. (CRE) for violations of the California Truck and Bus Rule has been signed by CRE. The CAFO requires that CRE pay a \$64,000 civil



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penalty for failing to install diesel particulate filters as required by the rule on 34 of its trucks that were operated in CA. (Aldred x2-3986)

## **UPCOMING HOT ISSUES AND IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

**Zero Waste Youth Convergence:** On March 19, we will provide information on tools and resources for reducing wasted food at the Zero Waste Youth Convergence in San Francisco. High school and college students will attend and other topics covered include zero waste education, careers, and manufacturing, as well as social equity. (Heller x2-3074)

**Evaluating PCBs on USS Iowa Battleship Museum:** [REDACTED] Enforcement (b) (7) (A)

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (Duffy x2-3654)

**Meetings with Acting Assistant Administrator (AA) for the Office of Air and Radiation:** Acting AA Sarah Dunham is scheduled to meet with the following Region 9 stakeholders: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) and Board members, 3/21; Kelly Barr of the Salt River Project (SRP) to discuss the Coronado Generating Station, 3/23; and South Coast APCO and Board members, 3/29. (Adams x2-3183)

**Arizona Particulate Matter Rules:** [REDACTED] Deliberative Process (b) (5)

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (Levin x2-3848)

**Delegation of New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) in Arizona and Nevada:** [REDACTED] Deliberative Process (b) (5)

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (Buss x7-4152)

**McElmo Creek Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Permit:** [REDACTED] Deliberative Process (b) (5)

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (Kelly x7-4156)

**Graton Rancheria Treatment in a Similar Manner as a State (TAS):** [REDACTED] Deliberative Process (b) (5)

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (Angeles x2-3441)

**Upcoming Aquifer Exemption Appeal Deadline:** March 27<sup>th</sup> is the 45-day deadline to file an appeal of the three recently approved Aquifer Exemptions in Kern County's Fruitvale, Round Mountain, and Tejon oil fields. An appeal would be heard by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. (Albright x2-3971; Engelman x2-3884)

**Central Valley Regional Water Board Draft Pyrethroid TMDLs:** [REDACTED] Deliberative Process (b) (5)

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[REDACTED] (Denton 916-341-5520 and Hashimoto x2-3452)



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### **UPCOMING MAJOR PUBLIC EVENTS**

**New Park Opens Atop Closed CNMI Dump:** CNMI Governor Ralph DLG Torres will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony on March 17 to unveil a new park atop the former Puerto Rico Dump on Saipan. The park, which includes an outdoor music venue, is the result of a project begun in 2005 through an EPA administrative order on consent to close the municipal dump. The \$27 million project was completed with DOI Office of Insular Affairs funding support, CNMI government-led construction management, and EPA oversight of pollution control measures. The event will include remarks from DOI Acting Assistant Secretary of Insular Areas Nik Pula. (McCarroll x2-3774)

**AMCO Community Event:** EPA and the AMCO Community Advisory Group are hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony to start the groundwater and soil cleanup at the AMCO Superfund Site in West Oakland. The thermal treatment system will use temperatures of up to 100 degrees Celsius to vaporize and capture contaminants, which will be condensed and transported offsite for safe disposal. (Kelly Manheimer x2-3290)

**South Coast Air Quality Management District Hearing:** On April 1, the SCAQMD's Governing Board Refinery Committee is holding an investigative hearing into matters concerning the Torrance Refinery in Torrance, CA. EPA and a number of federal, state and local agencies, have been invited to participate in panel discussions. (Meer x2-3132)